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re: United States v. Microsoft Corp., Civil No. 98-1232

I do not feel that the Stipulation and Revised Proposed Final Judgment, in the current form, is in the public interest.

Microsoft has consistently used and continues to use strong-arm tactics to maintain their monopoly in desktop operating systems and applications. The Prohibited Conduct section enumerates many detailed restrictions on Microsoft behavior but it appears to leave excessive maneuvering room for the Microsoft.

I fear that the Judgment underestimates the power that Microsoft holds with its monopoly position. The Users of Software and Developers of Software must have Freedoms which are enumerated. We depend too much upon Software Applications to allow one company to control the functionality and deployment of the Operating Systems and Software Applications.

Sincerely,

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